

**TOWN OF WINDSOR**  
**UTILITY SCALE SOLAR FACILITIES MORATORIUM ORDINANCE**

The Town of Windsor, Maine hereby adopts a Moratorium Ordinance entitled, "Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance" as follows:

Because areas in the Town of Windsor are experiencing the potential of increased development pressure from Utility Scale Solar Facilities (USSF); and

Residents of the Town of Windsor are concerned these unregulated facilities may adversely affect quality of life, health and safety, decommissioning and abandonment liabilities; and

This USSF development is unanticipated and not adequately addressed in the Town's current ordinances; and

The Town of Windsor requires at least one hundred eighty (180) days to consider, develop, and implement necessary ordinances and regulations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town's residents.

Therefore, in the judgement of the Town, the foregoing facts constitute an emergency and demonstrate that a moratorium on development of Utility Scale Solar Facilities is necessary per 30-A MRSA §4356(1).

The Town of Windsor hereby ordains the following moratorium ordinance be enacted.

**I. Authority.** The Moratorium Ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A MRSA §4356, the Town of Windsor's home rule authority pursuant to the Maine Constitution, and 30-A MRSA §3001.

**II. Definitions.** The following definition shall be used in the construction and interpretations of this Ordinance:

*Utility Scale Solar Facility* is any solar facility, project, or installation which is intended to and/or in fact does generate solar power and feeds such power into the electric grid supplying the local utility with power. This shall include, but is not limited to, any ground mounted photovoltaic project that is larger than 0.10 megawatts (ac) in capacity. Residential/Commercial solar arrays smaller than 0.10 megawatts (ac) are not included in this definition.

**III. Purpose.** The purpose of this Moratorium Ordinance is to allow municipal officials a reasonable time to evaluate the concerns raised in regard to any potential utility scale solar development, determine the adequacy of existing ordinances and regulations, and, if necessary, develop additional ordinances and regulations to provide adequate protection for the property, health, welfare, and safety of residents in the Town of Windsor.

**IV. Development Moratorium.** The Town of Windsor hereby declares and imposes a moratorium, prohibiting the development of any and all Utility Scale Solar Facilities within the Town of Windsor upon passage of this Moratorium Ordinance for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days or until the Town of Windsor adopts a Utility Scale Solar Facility Ordinance, if sooner.